GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Allocation of Funds from USOF
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allocate funds from the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) to the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) to augment telecom services in remote areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated to various TSPs from the USOF during each of the last three years, TSP-wise; and

(d) the number of villages provided with telecom facility, State/UT-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b) The Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) has disbursed subsidies to the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) to augment telecom services in remote areas of the country. The details of subsidies disbursed from USOF to TSPs is annexed as ANNEXURE-A.

(c) The funds disbursed to various TSPs from USOF during last three years, TSP wise is annexed as ANNEXURE −B.

(d) The number of villages provided with telecom facility, State/UT-wise is annexed as ANNEXURE −C.

ANNEXURE-A
Subsidy disbursed from USOF to TSPs
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Year Funds disbursed from USOF (Rs. in Crore)
2002-03 300.00
2003-04 200.00
2004-05 1314.59
2005-06 1766.85
2006-07 1500.00
2007-08 1290.00
2008-09 8548.64
2009-10 2400.00
2010-11 3100.00
2011-12 1687.96
2012-13 625.00
2013-14 2163.45
2014-15 2086.98
2015-16 3100.00
2016-17 7226.39
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ANNEXURE −B
Funds disbursed to various TSPs/USPs from USOF during last three years, TSP/USP wise
<pre> Rs. in Crore
USP 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17
BBNL 1351.86 2415.10 5600.00
BSNL 731.40 678.85 1560.19
CSC e-GSIL 35.70
DWL 0.04 0.93 0.00
GTL 0.06
KEC 1.53
RAILTEL 3.95 27.52
RCIL 0.21 0.05

RCL 0.01
RIL 2.53
RML ISPL 0.35 0.29
TATA 0.53
TERI 0.68 0.30 0.40
VECL 0.90
Grand Total 2086.98 3100.00 7226.39
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ABBREVIATION OF THE USP
<pre>
BBNL Bharat Broadband Network Limited
BSNL Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
CSCe-GSIL CSCe-Governance Services India Limited
DWL Dishnet Wireless Limited
GTL GTL Infrastructure Limited
KEC KEC International Limited
RAIL TEL RAIL TEL Corporation Limited
RCIL Reliance Communications Infrastructure Limited
RCL Reliance Communications Limited
RIL Reliance Infocomm Limited
RML ISPL Reuters Market Light Information Services Pvt. Ltd.
TATA TATA
TERI The Energy and Resources Institute
VECL Vodafone Essar Cellular Limited
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ANNEXURE −C
Number of villages provided with telecom facility from USOF
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Sl. No. State/U.T. Gram Panchayats lit in BharatNet No. of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) provided Mobile Services provided in villages under LWE (Tentative*)
1. Andaman & Nicobar 0 352
2. Andhra Pradesh 0 25107 81
3. Telangana 130 258
4. Arunachal Pradesh(NE-II) 0 2810
5. Assam 354 24692
6. Bihar 443 38941 276
7. Chhattisgarh 1264 18328 735
8. Gujarat 494 18054
9. Haryana 650 6678
10. Himachal Pradesh 0 16390
11. Jammu & Kashmir 0 6385
12. Jharkhand 372 28821 1173
13. Karnataka 4826 27451
14. Kerala 1129 1321
15. Madhya Pradesh 2588 51986 33
16. Maharashtra 1618 40544 90
17. Manipur (NE-II) 26 2174
18. Meghalaya (NE-I) 0 5290
19. Mizoram (NE-I) 0 704
20. Nagaland (NE-II) 0 1263
21. Odisha 462 45215 372
22. Punjab 237 12065
23. Rajasthan 1213 39568
24. Sikkim 0 429
25. Tamil Nadu 0 15492
26. Tripura (NE-I) 79 858
27. Uttar Pradesh 1413 97852 117
28. Uttarakhand 288 15271
29. West Bengal 219 37142 144
30. Chandigarh 12
31. Puducherry 101
Total 17,918 5,81,183 3,279
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*3279 villages (approx) are covered under the LWE project by installation of 2186 towers out of the 2199 towers planned.

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